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83rd Tank Division, GHQ Reserve

General

1. The Division was formed in Ekov in late 1945 and is billeted in Ekov in barracks on the southern side of the town near the railroad station, on the right bank of the Velikaya River. The division is subordinate to the Leningrad Military District. Formation of the division was completed in January 1948, when it received tanks from a tank factory 8 km south of Ekov.

Personalities

2. Division Commander: Maj. Gen. ROBINSON

Deputy Commander for Political Matters: Col. SHUSTOV

Deputy Commander for Technical Matters: Lt. Col. MIROVANOV

Chief of Staff: Lt. Col. DUBOVIK

Deputy Chiefs of Staff: a. Maj. DANILENKO

b. Capt. YESHOV

C. Maj. TROYAN

d. Lt. Col. ZANZHSKI

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Strength and Armament

3. The division consists of 4 tank regiments plus 14 auxiliary units. Each tank regiment consists of the following:
- 3 tank battalions (1 battalion heavy tanks and 2 battalions of medium tanks; heavy tanks are T-34; medium tanks are T-34 and T-42). Each tank battalion consists of 3 companies; each company has 3 platoons; each platoon has 3 squads. Each tank battalion has 37 officers, 140 men, and 32 tanks.
 - Motorized rifle battalion, consisting of 3 companies; each company has 3 platoons and each platoon has 3 squads. The battalion has 27 officers, 350 men, and 10 trucks.
 - Maintenance company, consisting of a spare parts depot, a depot for fuels and lubricants, a maintenance platoon, a transport platoon, and an administrative platoon. The maintenance company consists of 9 officers and 180 men, as well as the following equipment: 15 trucks, 4 gasoline tank trucks, 1 emergency truck for artillery repair work, 1 emergency truck for repair of electrical equipment, 1 emergency truck for repair of tanks, 3 Voroshilovets prime movers, and 2 field kitchens.
 - Anti-aircraft artillery battalion, consisting of 3 batteries. Each battery has 4 x M-3 guns, 37 mm. The battalion consists of 8 officers and 70 men, 12 AA guns, and 12 trucks.
 - Mortar battalion, consisting of 3 companies. Each company has 3 platoons and each platoon has 2 mortars. The battalion has 10 officers, 150 men, 18 x 120 mm mortars, and 20 trucks.
 - Ambulance platoon, consisting of 5 officers (doctors), 35 first-aid assistants, and 2 ambulances.
 - Signal platoon, consisting of 2 officers and 36 men, with the following equipment: 7 telephones, 1 type R-7 radio set, 6 telegraph apparatus, 2 trucks, and 5 motorcycles.
 - Field engineer platoon, consisting of 1 officer and 36 men, with the following equipment: 8 mine detectors, 4 electrical detonating apparatus, and 2 trucks.
 - Reconnaissance platoon, consisting of 1 officer and 28 men.

Auxiliary Divisional Units

- Tank destroyer regiment, consisting of 4 battalions of 76.2 mm guns, type 3 NS-5; each battalion consists of 4 batteries; each battery has 4 guns. The regiment includes 50 officers and 500 men, 48 guns (sic) and 50 trucks.
- Signal battalion, consisting of 23 officers and 450 men, with the following equipment: 15 motorcycles, 20 trucks, 13 individual radio sets, 2 type R-7 radio sets, 35 telephones, and 23 telegraph apparatus.
- Motorcycle battalion, consisting of 10 officers, 280 men, 32 machine guns, and 32 motorcycles.
- Reconnaissance battalion, consisting of 20 officers, 400 men, 18 motorcycles and 10 trucks.
- Mortar regiment, consisting of 57 officers, 600 men, 48 x 152 mm mortars, and 52 trucks.
- Repair and renovation battalion (remontno-vosstanovitel'ni batal'on), with 28 officers and 380 men, plus the following equipment: 15 trucks, 2 mobile lathes, 2 mobile tank repair installations, 2 mobile artillery repair installations, 2 mobile electrical repair installations.

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10. Medical battalion, consisting of 12 officers (doctors), 190 first aid assistants, and 7 ambulances.
11. Self-propelled artillery regiment, consisting of 2 battalions of SU-85 and 1 battalion of SU-152; each battalion has 3 batteries. The regiment has 40 officers, 280 men, and the following equipment: 24 SU-85 guns, 12 SU-152 guns, 4 Voroshilov's prime movers, and 16 trucks.
12. Artillery regiment, 122 mm howitzers, consisting of 3 battalions. Each battalion has 3 batteries; each battery has 4 guns. The regiment has 40 officers, 390 men, 36 x 122 mm howitzers, and 43 trucks.
13. Fuel and lubricant depot company, consisting of 7 officers, 120 men, 10 gasoline/tank trucks, and 4 trucks.
14. Rocket regiment (katyusha), consisting of 2 battalions of rocket launchers 48 and 1 battalion of rocket launchers 18. The regiment has 45 officers, 360 men, 18 trucks, 12 rocket launchers 18, and 24 rocket launchers 48.
15. Headquarters company, consisting of 17 officers, 130 men, and 3 trucks.
16. Engineer battalion, consisting of 23 officers, 400 men, 35 trucks, and 6 pontons.
17. Anti-aircraft artillery regiment, 86 mm guns, consisting of 3 battalions. Each battalion has 3 batteries and each battery has 4 guns. The regiment has 45 officers, 500 men, 36 guns, and 40 trucks.

28th Artillery RegimentGeneral

18. The 28th Artillery Regiment is billeted in the southern part of Pskov in the vicinity of the 83rd Tank Division, GHQ Reserve. The regiment is an independent unit, however, forming part of the 19th Red Banner Army, which is assigned to the Lake Pskov area.

Personalities

19. Regimental Commander: Lt. Col. GOLITSKOV
 Deputy for Political Matters: Major YEREMENKO
 Chief of Staff: Capt. YAKOVA (sic; Yakobov?)

Organization

20. The regiment consists of 3 artillery battalions and a headquarters company. Each battalion has 3 batteries; each battery has 2 x 220 mm guns. Regimental strength is 25 officers and 300 men; equipment consists of 18 x 220 mm guns, 20 prime movers, and 20 trailers.
21. Headquarters company consists of the following:
 - a. ammunition supply platoon
 - b. transport platoon
 - c. maintenance platoon
 - d. administrative platoon
 - e. ambulance platoon
 - f. field engineer platoon

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- g. anti-tank rifle platoon
 - h. signal platoon
 - i. anti-aircraft platoon
22. Headquarters company has 16 officers, 280 men, and the following equipment: 30 trucks, 1 mobile artillery repair installation, 1 ambulance, 2 field kitchens, 3 electric detonator apparatus, 32 anti-tank rifles, 8 DShK large-calibre anti-aircraft machine guns, 23 telephones, 6 radio sets, and 11 telegraph apparatus.

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